

**RESOLUTION #8—2022
Regular Annual Session**

Submitted by
Board of Directors

REVISED POLICY ON GENETIC MODIFICATION OF ANIMALS IN AGRICULTURE

RESOLVED that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) House of Delegates adopt the revised policy on Genetic Modification of Animals in Agriculture as noted in the [attachment](#) (additions are underlined, deletions are ~~struck through~~).

Statement about the Resolution

The Animal Agriculture Liaison Committee (AALC) reviewed the policy as part of the five-year review schedule. Members of the AALC, working with AVMA staff from both headquarters and GRD, developed the revised language to give the AVMA a clear position regarding which government agency should have primary responsibility in matters of genetic modification of farm-raised animals to facilitate innovation, foster commercialization, and manage health and welfare from a One Health standpoint. Language was inserted referencing the Animal Health Protection Act of 2002, which clearly states the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is the lead agency for the health of all farm-raised animals. Language was also added that states the AVMA believes the USDA should have primary responsibility in matters of genetic modification of farm-raised animals due to the authority granted the USDA by the Animal Health Protection Act.

Financial Impact: None

	Board of Directors	House Advisory Committee	Reference Committee #7	House of Delegates
Recommend Approval	X	X	X (amended as noted below*)	X (amended as noted below*)
Recommend Disapproval				
Recommend Referral to...				
No Recommendation				
Recommend Postpone Indefinitely				

(use this space for additional narrative, if needed)

***Revised Policy on Genetic Modification of Animals in Agriculture**
Genetic Modification of Animals in Agriculture

1 - Insert an asterisk after the word “farm-raised”, which references the Animal Health Protection Act of 2002 where the definition of Livestock means all farm-raised animals.

2 – Replace the word “agency” with “department” in the third sentence.